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1. INTERNAL. THE SOVIET PRESS JULY 9 DEVOTES MOST OF ITS
SPACE TO THE OPENING SESSION OF THE SUPREME SOVIET.

2. UNITED STATES. NO MENTION IS MADE OF THE SECRETARY'S
UPCOMING MEETING WITH GROMYKO. PRAVDA REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT
THE PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY. IZVESTIYA STRONGLY
CONDEMNS SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS ON LIMITED NUCLEAR
WAR, AND CALLS HIS VIEWS AND POLICIES, WHICH ALLEGEDLY PROVIDE
SUPPORT FOR ENEMIES OF DETENTE, "CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF
THE TIMES." IZVESTIYA ALSO REFERS FAVORABLY TO STATEMENTS
SUPPORTING DETENTE AND INCREASED US-SOVIET COOPERATION MADE
BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE HUMPHREY-SCOTT DELEGATION FOLLOWING
THEIR MEETING WITH BREZHNEV. LITERATURNAYA GAZETA CARRIES
AN INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR SCOTT WHO REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED
THE SENATORS' MEETING WITH BREZHNEV AS "USEFUL." SCOTT WAS
CITED AS SAYING THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED THE
MIDDLE EAST. ASKED ABOUT OBSTACLES TO TRADE, SCOTT REPORTEDLY
SAID THAT HE AND SENATOR HUMPHREY WERE OPPOSED TO DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN TRADE MATTERS. (SEPTTEL FOLLOWS
ON INTERVIEW).

3. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY A BRIEF SYRIAN
MFA STATEMENT REAFFIRMING DAMASCUS' POSITION RE A ME SETTLE-
MENT BASED ON AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB
TERRITORY AND ON A GUARANTEE OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE
PALESTINIANS. PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT FULBRIGHT'S
CRITICISM OF ISRAEL'S "EXPANSIONIST POLICY" AND HIS STATEMENT
THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY IS
THE ONLY BASIS FOR A JUST PEACE.

4. PORTUGAL. PRAVDA CARRIES A LISBON DATELINED TASS REPORT
SUMMARIZING THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S
ATTACK ON THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER'S CALL FOR FORMATION
OF A NEW COALITION WITHOUT COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION. THE ARTICLE
HIGHLIGHTS THE COMMUNISTS' CHARGE THAT THE SOCIALISTS' SILENCE
IN THE FACE OF THIS "RIGHTIST" THREAT ENDANGERS THE PORTUGUESE
REVOLUTION, PROMOTES DOMESTIC TENSIONS, AND SUPPORTS THE PLOTS
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OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY AND PSEUDO-REVOLUTIONARY CLIQUES.

5. ECONOMIC. DELIVERING THE PRINCIPAL SPEECH TO THE JOINT
SESSION OF THE COUNCILS OF THE UNION AND OF NATIONALITIES AT
THE OPENING SUPREME SOVIET SESSION JUNE 8, DEPUTY PREMIER
TIKHONOV DISCUSSED A LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL, "FURTHER STRENGTH-
ENING CONSERVATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT IN
UTILIZATION OF VALUABLE ORES." TIKHONOV EMPHASIZED THE NEED

FOR PLANNED, ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES, TOUCHING LIGHTLY UPON ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS AND TAKING POT SHOTS AT THE MINISTRIES OF GEOLOGY AND OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY FOR DELAYS, INEFFICIENCY AND WASTAGE OF VALUABLE BY-PRODUCTS. QUOTING LENIN AND BREZHNEV EACH TWICE, TIKHONOV PAINTED BRIGHT PICTURE OF FUTURE OF SOVIET EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT SUPREME SOVIET ACTION ON THE PROPOSAL WILL STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY AND GUARANTEE CAREFUL MANAGEMENT OF "REMARKABLE NATURAL RESOURCES OF OUR GREAT SOCIALIST FATHERLAND."

6. SCIENCE. A PRAVDA ARTICLE ENTITLED "OCEAN, WHICH USED TO BE A LAKE" DESCRIBES JOINT US-USSR SCIENTIFIC BLACK SEA DEEP DRILLING WORK, PART OF THE WORLD OCEAN STUDIES AGREEMENT, ON BOARD THE AMERICAN VESSEL "GLOMAR CHALLENGER" (SISTER SHIP OF GLOMAR EXPLORER--A FACT NOT MENTIONED IN PRAVDA).

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